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stated that, on orders of the Soviet komendatura in 'aren near Mueritz Lake, Boek, Speck, Amalienhof and Bolter Schleuse had to be vacated, with the farmers from these villages being given confiscated farmyards in the Neu-Strelitz area. Additional 15 two-family houses were being vacated in Rechlin. The Speck and Boek estates were occupied by Soviet operation staffs. The entire area was put off limits. During the preceding weeks, Soviet troop trains had been unloaded in Sued-Rechlin and troops had been quartered in the restricted area. The unloaded troops allegedly included tank, AAA and artillery units.

25X1A Comment. The Speck-Granzin training area and firing range had been established in 1952, and since then, has been utilized as permanent summer training area by the 2d Light Arty Brig (US). Furthermore, units of the Second Gds Mecz Army, especially of the 9th Gds Tank Div and the 1st Mecz Div, conducted firing practices in the training area throughout the year. As observations in this report do not contain any dates, the information fails to furnish new indications. As however, similar observations were made at the Forst Linna and Die Lewitz firing ranges, the information appears credible.

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